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WIFA and EPA honor Bullhead City sewer project

Phoenix, AZ – In a ceremony today, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens and Environmental Protection Agency official Alexis Strauss presented an award to The City of Bullhead City which used WIFA funding to improve water quality and protect public health in their community.

“The City of Bullhead City is a great example of a successful water quality project,” said WIFA Chairman Steve Owens, who also serves as Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. “The City utilized WIFA’s low-interest funds to finance projects that improved water quality and protected public health. They are real leaders”

The EPA awarded its Clean Water State Revolving Fund “Pisces” Award to the City of Bullhead City, which used a \$31 million loan to develop a central sewer system and move the community away from septic tanks. The transition protects groundwater and the Colorado River from potential contamination – critical to California and Mexico who use water from the river. Golf courses and parks also use reclaimed water from the sewer system.

“Since the inception of the clean water state revolving fund, borrowers have used revolving loan funds to finance innovative projects that increase wastewater and drinking water infrastructure nationwide,” said Alexis Strauss, the director of the EPA’s Water Division for the Pacific Southwest region. “These projects result in far-reaching environmental benefits, safer drinking water, and improve local economies.”

Arizona’s state revolving fund program provides flexible financing for states to address their most critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure needs. The EPA Clean Water Pisces Award recognizes the most innovative projects that effectively use state revolving funds to improve water quality, comply with the Clean Water Act and show no financial problems with the project.